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§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756

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**RESPONSE "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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Sir:

This Response "B" is in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 25, 2007.

Claims 1 – 17 are pending in the application.

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	Number of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	17	20	0	x \$50.00 =	\$0.00
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If multiple dependent claims are presented					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0.00

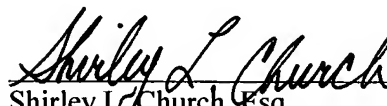
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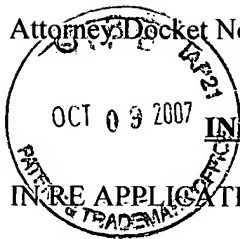
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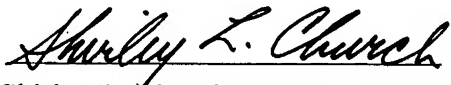
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Claims 1 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kirkpatrick (U.S. Patent Application 2006/0084229 in view of Itoh (U.S. Patent Application 2004/0058279).

The application is not being amended at this time. Response "B" provides additional discussion of the distinctions between the invention and the related prior art.